

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A data processing method for executing a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right, said method comprising:

 storing the data;

 storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said storing of the data;

 inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing of the data;

 determining, based on the process right stored in said storing of the process right, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;

 executing the instruction; and

 displaying the process right stored in said storing of the process right on a screen, wherein the process right stored in said storing of the process right specifies a number of executions, and

 wherein said displaying of the process right displays on the screen as many icons as the number of executions specified by the process right,

wherein the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the stored data to a removable storage medium, and

wherein said displaying of the process right displays at least one of “check-out is possible”, “during check-out”, and “check-out is impossible” with respect to the check-out right.

17. (Currently Amended) A recording medium having a program recorded thereon, said program for executing, on a computer, a data processing method of processing copyrighted data within an obtained right, said method comprising:

 storing the data;

 storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said storing of the data;

 inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing of the data;

determining, based on the process right stored in said storing of the process right, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;

executing the instruction; and

displaying the process right stored in said storing of the process right on a screen, wherein the process right stored in said storing of the process right specifies a

number of executions, and

wherein said displaying of the process right displays on the screen as many icons as the number of executions specified by the process right,

wherein the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the stored data to a removable storage medium, and

wherein said displaying of the process right displays at least one of “check-out is possible”, “during check-out”, and “check-out is impossible” with respect to the check-out right.

18-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently amended) A data processing apparatus for executing a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right, said apparatus comprising:

data storage means for storing the data;

right information storage means for storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said data storage means;

input means for inputting an instruction for the data stored in said data storage means;

control means for determining, based on the process right stored in said right information storage means, whether said instruction is to be executed or not;

process execution means for executing the instruction; and

display means for displaying the process right stored in said right information storage means on a screen,

wherein the process right stored in said right information storage means specifies a number of executions,

wherein said display means is operable to display on the screen as many icons as the number of executions specified by process right,

~~The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein~~
wherein the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the data stored in said data storage means to a removable storage medium, and
wherein said display means is operable to display displays at least one of “check-out is possible”, “during check-out”, and “check-out is impossible” with respect to the check-out right.